

# Quote

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## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] Sen WM F KNOWLAND (R-Calif): "The American people have the right to ask not only the Executive branch of our gov't, but also the United Nations and each of its mbrs what they intend to do now to take effective action in Korea." . . . [2] Sen LYNDON B JOHNSON (D-Tex): "The world position is such that our nation could be thrust into total war in a matter of hrs, yet there are those who would trim our defense program to what they consider the needs of our budget, rather than trimming our budget to the needs of our defense program." . . . [3] Chancellor KONRAD ADENAUER, West Germany, *asked to comment on Premier Malenkov's "peaceful-policy" talk*: "Why don't you rather ask what I think about the shooting down and buzzing of Allied planes by Communist jet fighters over Germany last wk?" . . . [4] Lt Col ROBERT S RICH, pilot of a U S plane, fired upon by a Russian-built MIG jet fighter off the coast of Kamchatka: "Sure,

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### Quote of the Week

VAL PETERSON, Fed'l Civil Defense Chief, *following atomic test at Yucca Flat, Nev*: "You certainly can be close to a bomb and not be hurt, if you know how to protect yourself. When I get home I'm going to get myself the best atomic shelter I can find."

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they meant business. You don't play with 20mm cannon shells." . . . [5] Dr HARRY H GIDEONSE, pres, Brooklyn (NY) College: "There is a lunatic fringe on the right as well as the left. The left fringe believes every Communist is just a little liberal. The right thinks every liberal is a genuine Communist." . . . [6] Sen W STUART SYMINGTON (D-Mo): "The Korean war is a military university for our enemies. At very little cost to the Russians, we are teaching them how to defeat us if they decide to expand the Korean war into World War III."

THIRTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



We tend to think of Georgi Malenkov primarily as the supreme dictator of Russia. We must not lose sight of the fact that he is now also the titular head of World Communism. It is this latter condition which holds potential peril for free peoples.

For a generation Communism has been merchandised as an intellectual commodity. Conquest of the satellites was relatively bloodless. They were won with canons rather than cannons. The fanatic zeal of the indoctrinated few met no organized mass opposition. Under Stalin, World Communism sold an Idea and an Ideal. Chimeric. Perverted. False . . . but eternally appealing.

Malenkov is not a Stalin. He has grasped only the ruthlessness of the ruler. Heiritor of the mantle, he may have tragically misread the mandate. His lack of perception, perspective and patience may hasten world disaster.

Malenkov has power. But extended power, unless reinforced by prestige, becomes increasingly diffused. Our momentary danger is that the Russian dictator, lacking prestige, may seek to gain it thru precipitant aggression.

Did Malenkov order the attack on Western planes? Sporadic gunfire might be attributed to a trigger-happy crew. Has happened before. Increasing incidents indicate planned procedure. If Malenkov didn't direct the effort, certainly he could stop it. Purpose? Perhaps to conceal internal weakness; convince Russian people war with the West is imminent threat. We repeat, this is a sign of weakness, rather than strength. But in weakness there is latent danger.

An interesting sidelight on Hawaiian statehood: The House-approved bill gives the proposed 49th state specific rights to natural resources in "lands beneath navigable waters." Since Hawaii spreads over an ocean area of 1500 mi's, future reclamation techniques may one day make it the richest state in our union.



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"He who never quotes, is never quoted"  
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*Charles H. Johnson*



#### AGRICULTURE—1

Farmers are currently receiving only about 47¢ of the consumer's food dollar, compared with 50¢ a yr ago and about 54¢ at the end of World War II.—*Marion County (Indiana) Farm News*.

#### AMERICA—Literature—2

American literature is now widely read and enthusiastically studied in European univ's, primarily because the European student finds in it a fresher, more abundant, freer, and more hopeful life than he finds in his immediate environment. — STANLEY T WILLIAMS, "Who Reads an American Book?" *Va Quarterly Review*.

#### ART—3

Sign in the window of a Greenwich Village rooming house: "Large top-floor room, north light, coal stove, no bath. Suitable for artist."—*American Artist*.

#### AVIATION—4

Since Lindbergh's 1927 solo flight to Paris, American aircraft manufacturers have produced more than 450,000 planes. — WILFRED OWEN, *Air Force*.

#### BEHAVIOR—5

Dale Carnegie, whose books on courage have helped so many, confessed that he kept a file marked FTD for "Fool Things I Have Done." Some of these, he admits, were so bad that he wouldn't let the typist write them. He wrote them longhand. That file was so large that had he kept it going

all his life, it would have filled a room.—Dr A AUGUSTUS WELSH, Christ Evangelical & Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

#### CAPITALISM—6

Was there ever greater hypocrisy than that which flows from those who castigate private capitalism as an evil to be renounced by human society while avidly seeking to ensnare its benefits?—Gen'l DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, "The Science of Industry," *Systems Mag*.

#### CHILD—Discipline—7

As a parent, you may have to pull a switch if your kid gets on the wrong track. — OREN ARNOLD, *Kiwanis Mag*.

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#### Easter Inquiry

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue;  
Orchids are \$15.95!  
Will dandelions do?  
—Try-Square 8

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#### COMMUNISM—9

The Communists in E Berlin have forbid young ones to visit the city's only zoo, in W Berlin. 'Course I can understand that. The poor kids will find out how happy animals are and what the hyenas are really laughing at.—TITUS MOODY, MBC commentator.

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## Washington

LES & LIZ CARPENTER

British gov't officials in Washington say Dowager Queen Mary is strictly of "the show must go on" school. The ailing queen has reportedly expressed a wish that her death not interfere with the Coronation ceremonies. The Coronation will be held on schedule, June 2, unless she should die within 2 or 3 days of that date. There is no historical precedent for Britain on such a problem.

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Rep Lloyd M Bentsen, Jr (D-Tex) got a jolt from a constituent's letter: "I haven't made up my mind on this issue yet," he wrote, "but when I do, I'll be plenty bitter."

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Russian jokes making the Washington rounds:

"What's worse than whooping cough? Malenkov."

The real reason Malenkov got the dictatorship instead of Molotov: Molotov wouldn't sell his Gen'l Motors stock.

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W E Torbett, pres, Oklahoma Sportsmen's Ass'n, testifying before House Agriculture Comm: "We always say that a Yankee tourist is worth 2 bales of cotton—and is a lot easier to pick!"

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A Post Office Dep't employe recently won a prize for a money-saving idea: eliminate the "via" from "Via Air Mail" rubber stamps. Think of the ink in stamp pads it'll save! Now, what's the use of the word "mail"?

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## CONFERENCE—10

The proof of the conference is in its sequel.—*Blackwood's Mag*, London.

## CONSERVATISM—11

There is need to take conservatism away from the conservatives—that is, the solely economics-minded. It will be as important to keep the present era of pause under humane conservatives as it was to keep the past era of change out of the hands of the leftist version of thought controllers.—PETER VIERECK, *Shame & Glory of the Intellectuals* (Beacon).

## CO-OPERATION—12

Responsible teachers, administrators and parents picture the world as one in which we are trying not to get ahead of each other but to get ahead with each other.—EDGAR DALE, Ohio State Univ, *Nation's Schools*.

## EDUCATION—Illiteracy—13

Some 2,838,000 persons in the U S above 14 yrs of age can neither read nor write in any language. Of this number, 1,879,000 are over 45 yrs of age.—*Gov't survey*.

## FOOD—14

American Can Co reports that average U S housewife opens 775 cans of food and other items annually. Use of canned items by average family has increased by almost 300 containers a year since '39.—*Mag of Wall St*.

## FUTURE—15

The near future must either be much better or much worse than the past; which it is to be will be decided within the next few yrs.—BERTRAND RUSSELL, *The Impact of Science on Society* (Simon & Schuster).

# Mining the Magazines



Little story in the papers last wk concerning the efforts of New Jersey's Att'y Gen'l Theo D Parsons, to induce *Saturday Evening Post* to kill an article scheduled for issue dated Mar 21. (His point: the article disclosed "vital evidence" needed for the prosecution of pending criminal cases.) Illustrates layman's lack of information concerning modern publishing procedure. *Post* normally closes its editorial pages 5 wks in advance. On date Mr Parsons registered his protest (Mar 9) most of the issue in question had been printed, and some copies were on the way to distribution centers.

Most amateur authors miss out sadly on timing. Their spring poems land in magazine offices about the time editors are looking around for something with a fall flavor.

Speaking of poems—and their perpetrators—there is a very old quip to the effect that poets are born, not paid. One reason for their meager compensation is the stiff competition. Current issue of *The Writer* reminds us that last yr 40,000 poems were submitted to *Ladies' Home Jnl*. In 12 issues, they printed a total of 116!

First issue of *Theology Digest* (Catholic) has just been published by St Mary's Univ School of Divinity, St Mary's, Kans. Quarterly.

Traditional "Curtis luck" came a cropper with news of the Farouk-Narriman romance on the rocks. Fantastic fortune of Curtis mags in timing articles for favoring "news breaks" has made journalistic talk for a decade. But now *Ladies' Home Jnl* is caught halfway thru a syrupy 4-installment autobiography by Her Royal Highness Princess Narriman.

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*Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* shares an amusing anecdote concerning the lingual difficulties of a Russian newspaper. Doing the best it could, with the help of a dictionary, this paper recently rep'ted that the 1st atomic pile, located in the squash court of the Univ of Chicago, stood on a "pumpkin patch."

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"The American Theatre is Un-American" argues Theodore Hoffman in *Theatre Arts* (Mar). He contends that while Europe's theatre has grown in vitality, ours has been a lifeless stereotype for a century. In the American renaissance, literature got Hawthorne, Emerson, Melville, Whitman; the stage got *East Lynne*, *Under the Gaslight* and *10 Nights in a Bar Room*.

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#### **GERMANY—Occupation—16**

Allied troops will remain in Germany, as part of a NATO force for European defense, even after the formal Occupation ends. I asked Dr J W Theo Kordt, present under-sec'y for for'gn affairs, if they would become welcomed guests.

Kordt ans'd with an allegory: "When the Romans conquered Germany 2,000 yrs ago they were not welcomed. But they brought with them vineyards and taught the natives to drink wine instead of coarse mead. The Romans stayed a long time, and then they left. Wine is still popular in Germany."

The "mead" in this case, of course, is dictatorship or authoritarianism. The wine is democracy. —GERALD CLARK, *Weekend*.

#### **GOV'T—Cost—17**

The overall cost of all levels of gov't in the U S today is 50 times what it was in 1913—about \$100 billion a yr compared with \$2 billion.—Dr HARLEY L LUTZ, *prof emeritus of public finance, Princeton Univ.*

#### **HANDICAPS—Overcoming—18**

I thank God that I had parents who refused to coddle me (because of my lameness). They gave me something useful to do instead.—GLENN CUNNINGHAM, former Olympic track star who overcame lameness in his youth.

#### **IDEAS—19**

Let your brainstorm do something more than raise the roof.—Alexander Animator.

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#### **INDIVIDUALITY—20**

Procrustes, of Greek mythology, was insistent that no one should be any taller—or any shorter—than he. He was, perhaps, the 1st advocate of standardization.

In the realm of *things* standardization is wonderful. I marvel at the rotary meat-cutter, turning out slices of precisely the same size, shape and thickness. But for my friends I would wish something different than that we all resemble slices of bologna—each an exact duplicate of the other.—KENNETH W SOLLITT, *in an address to high school seniors*.

#### **KINDNESS—21**

Kindness is the one commodity of which you should spend more than you earn.—T N TIEMEYER, *Pulpit Digest*.

#### **LEADERSHIP—22**

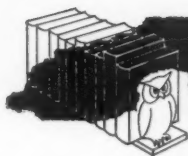
A good man likes a hard boss. I don't mean a nagging boss or a grouchy boss. I mean a boss who insists on things being done right and on time; a boss who is watching things closely enough so that he knows a good job from a poor one. Nothing is more discouraging to a good man than a boss who is not on the job, and who does not know whether things are going well or badly.—WILLIAM FEATHER, *industrial editor*.

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You can't lead someone else any farther than you have gone yourself.—Rev R A HOGAN, *Christian Advocate*.

#### **LIFE—Living—23**

Life is a foreign language; all men mispronounce it.—CHRISTOPHER MORLEY.



## Book Briefs

Here's one you won't believe. Last fall Simon & Schuster published (very successfully) a book called *America Laughs at Punch*, being a collection of sundry items lifted from the famous British humor jnl. To provide what was deemed essential background, the editors "explained" some of the more elusive cartoons and topical references. Now, here's the pay-off: The British firm of Thames & Hudson is publishing, in England, this American volume, featuring the "unwitting comedy of these cousinly explanations."

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John K. Hutchens, of the *N Y Herald-Tribune*, tells us a little story that came out of a gathering of literary lights, met to fashion features for WNYC's forthcoming Festival of Books. At the end of a long and moderately arid session, one mbr of the panel came up with a suggestion that struck him as being pretty novel for this or any other radio show: 15 min's of silence by Thos Merton, from the Trappist monastery, in Ky. We regret sincerely to rep't that the idea was voted down.

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Bantam Books, concerned with the activities of certain church groups that have assumed the role of community censor, recently took advertising space in *N Y* and Brooklyn newspapers to deplore the practice. A Bantam spokesman says that while "very few" of their

titles are involved "the actions of self-appointed censors anywhere is a serious threat to a free press and a free country."

Mbrs of the church groups, it is said, call on neighborhood stores with a "long list" (some 500 titles) deemed "objectionable". Merchants are asked to retire these books from sale. Those complying are awarded certificates to display. Many dealers, especially in the Brooklyn area, fearing loss of patronage, have agreed not to sell any of the listed volumes.

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Univ of Pennsylvania Press publishes a scholarly tome titled *Documents Illustrative of Feudalism*. Other day came an order (from a university bookstore!) for the book on *Futilism*. Now, Phelps Soule, director, is meditating. Maybe there is a book in that title, *Documents Illustrative of Futilism!*

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Our nomination for the second best-sub-titled book of the spring season: Alexander Lake's *Killers in Africa: The Truth About Animals Lying in Wait and Hunters Lying in Print* (Doubleday). The stellar position belongs irrefutably to Arthur Mayer's *Merely Colossal: The Story of the Movies from the Long Chase to the Chaise Longue*. (Simon & Schuster).

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### Webster, the Word-worker

NOAH WEBSTER edited the 1st truly American dictionary. His learned volume reflected the spirit and enterprise of a new nation, very much as his *Spelling Book* and earlier lexicographical efforts humanized elementary knowledge. Where the gloomy New England Primer began:

In Adam's fall  
We sinned all

Webster revised:

A was an Apple-pie made by the cook.

B was a Boy who was fond of his book.

Webster labored for 20 yrs on An American Dictionary of the English Language. He conducted all research and wrote every line of the great work by hand. The original edition defined 70,000 words—12,000 more than Dr Johnson's classic effort. (The most recent edition of Webster's Unabridged defines approx 10 times that number of words.) Completing the work in his 70th yr, Webster wrote:

I finished writing my Dictionary in January 1825. . . When I had come to the last word, I was seized with a trembling which made it somewhat difficult to hold my pen steady for writing. . . But I summoned strength to finish the last word, and then, walking about the room a few minutes, I recovered.

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### MERCY—24

Mercy is the twin sister of truth.—GEO SEAVER, *Nat'l Humane Review*.

### MILITARY SERVICE—25

By next July 1, the Army will have lost 138,000 of the 638,000 Regular Army men it had a yr ago. If the trend continues, by July 1, '54, the "hard core" of professionals will be down to around 400,000 men and the U S will have an Army of about 25% volunteers and 75% draftees.—*U S News & World Report*.

### MODERN AGE—26

The average American housewife controls 65 horsepower in her home just by pushing switches. That's equal to the muscle of 1430 men, besides her husband.—*Kroehler News*, hm, Kroehler Mfg Co.

### OPPORTUNITY—27

Many a man creates his own lack of opportunities.—*Mutual Moments*, hm, Mutual of Omaha.

### ORIGIN: Lent—28

The word *Lent* is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word *lengten*, meaning spring-time.—W DOUGLAS CHAMBERLAIN, *Presbyterian Life*.

### PROGRESS—29

When I hear someone say proudly that his is the fastest-growing city in the state . . . it embarrasses me. It's like listening to someone tell proudly that his baby has gained 10 lbs when it's already 30 lbs overweight and growing bow-legged. What we should be proud of now is how fast our city is shrinking.—"WALLY" WOLLERMAN, "No More Cities for Me!" *Sat Evening Post*, 2-28-'53.



# Pathways to the Past



Week of  
April 12-18

**Jewish History Wk**

**Nat'l Noise-Abatement Wk**

**Nat'l Boys' Club Wk (13-19)**

**Nat'l Sunday School Wk (13-19)**

**Nat'l Gardening Wk (16-23)**

**Nat'l Coin Wk (17-23)**

**Hardware Wk (17-25)**

**Apr 12—Low Sunday.** . . *Daughter's Day.* . . 1st fire-proof safe pat'd 120 yrs ago by Chas A Gayler, N Y C. . . John Shaw Billings, individual chiefly responsible for NY Public Library, b 120 yrs ago. . . . 1st exclusive trust company (U S Trust Co, N Y C) estab 100 yrs ago. . . Truant officer is 100 yrs old today. 1st truancy legislation (N Y) estab 1853. . . 1st combat action for a U S Army air squadron occurred 35 years ago—Squadron No 1, based in France, attacked on a reconnaissance mission. . . 1st woman diplomat to represent U S (Ruth Bryan Owen, Minister to Denmark & Iceland) app'ted 20 yrs ago. . . 1st legislation requiring applicants for marriage license to undergo medical tests (NY) effective 15 yrs ago.

**Apr 13—Edict of Nantes** signed by Henry IV of France 355 yrs ago. Granted religious and civil liberties to French Protestants. . . 210th anniv of b of Thos Jefferson, 3rd Pres of U S. . . 1st temperance union (Union Temperance Society) org Saratoga Springs, N Y 145 yrs ago. . . 25 yrs ago Social-

ist Party nominated Norman Thomas candidate for Pres of U S (1st of 6 nominations).

**Apr 14—Pan American Day** (marks founding of Pan American Union). . . Christian Huggens, Dutch physicist, "1st to give us light on light" b 325 yrs ago. He discovered polarization of light, developed light wave theory. . . U S Army Medical Corps estab 135 yrs ago. . . 1st edition of Webster's Dictionary pub 125 yrs ago (see *Gem Box*, opposite page). . . 1st demonstration of television on full-size theatre screen, N Y C, 5 yrs ago.

**Apr 15—Henry James**, American novelist and essayist, b 110 yrs ago ("It's a complex fate, being an American."). . . 1st public demonstration of sound on film ("talking pictures") N Y C, 30 yrs ago.

**Apr 16—420th anniv of b of Wm I** (known as "the Silent") Prince of Orange and founder of the Dutch Republic.

**Apr 17—50 yrs ago**, in Detroit, Henry Ford wheeled his 1st automobile out of the workshop for an initial road test; a few mo's later he founded Ford Motor Co. . . 1st camp of the Civilian Conservation Corps (Camp Roosevelt, Luray, Va) opened 20 yrs ago. Um-m . . the "depression" is almost becoming ancient history.

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## "Of all things!"

How thin is our skin? Future historians may well define this as "The Sensitive Decade." From the enveloping evidence, just about every organized group seems to be equipped with a built-in chip-on-shoulder. And the rest of us stand in mortal fear of knocking same off. Sometimes it gets pretty ridiculous. In N Y last wk, two divergent groups were registering protests against a pair of theatrical productions.

Union hotel employes picketed the Vanderbilt Theatre where a central character in Vina Delmar's *Mid-Summer* is a slattern and incompetent hotel maid, of the 1907 era. The American Bar Ass'n attacked *The Crucible*, Arthur Miller's play dealing with Salem witchcraft, on the ground that lawyers were disparaged.

The maids were mollified by a program note, assuring theatregoers that no reflection on the craft was intended. Lawyers met more resistance. Mr Miller wrote them:

"The growing sensitivity of people to any discussion of important issues is no service to civilization, let alone law and order. I wrote a play about a man who happened to be a salesman (*The Death of a Salesman*) and several organizations of sales people flew to arms. Now it is the lawyers. If I am to back away from these objections you must surely see that I shall be forced to write about people with no occupations. But then cafe society will probably feel put-upon."

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### RUSSIA—30

(The hope of Russia's collapsing thru a policy of containment) is about as valid as the hope that a boxer in the ring with the heavy-weight champion of the world could win by letting the champ exhaust himself punching. — Brig Gen'l FRANK HOWLEY, *Your War for Peace* (Holt).

### SALESMANSHIP—31

Fifty % of getting ahead in the sales world is listening to what the customer says; the other 50% consists of approving it.—O H BATTISTA, *Specialty Salesman*.

### SOCIALISM—32

The Socialist state of one day becomes the poverty state of the next, and the police state of a third.—A A STAMBAUGH, Chmn of Bd, Standard Oil Co (Ohio) addressing Lima (Ohio) Foremen's Club.

### SPEECH—Speaking—33

Chairman addressing an audience: "Our guest speaker has fallen asleep. The motion has been made, seconded, and carried unanimously that we do not awaken him." — cartoon, *Inn Dixie*, hm, Dinkler Hotels.

### TAXES—34

The only thing left to tax is the wolf at the door.—*Acme Steel News*.

### TEACHERS—Teaching—35

Education is still Mark Hopkins on the end of the log and the inquiring student on the other. Television multiplies the student but there can only be one Mark Hopkins!—FRANKLIN DUNHAM, "Who Is an Educator?" *Educational Record*, 1-'53.

## TELEVISION—36

It's hard to keep track of where we are some days, if we take TV advertising to heart. Between trying one brand of beer for 7 days, a soap for 14 and a cigaret for 30, life gets a bit complicated. Maybe the vendors can start putting calendars on each pkg.—*Humrill Letter*, hm, Chas L Humrill & Co.

## TIME—37

In youth, time passes at a pace that is often annoyingly slow; in middle age, it takes on speed, and in old age it goes jet.—*Chilton Jnl.*

## VALUES—38

If you want anything badly enough to pay for it, ask for it; if you're not willing to pay for it, don't ask for it at all, for somebody pays.—*American Organist.*

## WAR—39

War is a series of situations in need of improvement. — *Leatherneck.*

## WAR—Peace—40

War is an invention of the human mind. The human mind can invent peace with justice.—*NORMAN COUSINS, Who Speaks for Man?* (Macmillan).

## WORRY—41

The destructive quality of worry is indicated by the fact that the word itself is derived from an old Anglo-Saxon word meaning "to choke." If someone were to put his fingers around your throat and press hard, cutting off the flow of vital power, it would be a dramatic demonstration of what you do to yourself by long-held and habitual worry.—*Dr NORMAN VINCENT PEALE, The Power of Positive Thinking* (Prentice-Hall).



The people's comm for price control in Warsaw decided to check prices being charged for shoe repairing. Arming themselves with a pr of torn shoes, the inspectors set forth on their tour of the capital city's repair shops.

Enterfing a shop, they presented their pr of shoes for repair and asked the price.

"You're from the Price Control Office, aren't you, comrade?" asked the shoemaker, squinting at them.

"How did you know? Were you told about us? Have you seen us before?"

"No, sir! I'm seeing you for the first time in my life. And I wasn't warned of your coming. But every time anybody from the Price Control Office appears in my shop, they're sure to have with them the same old pr of shoes."—*ALEXANDER JANTA, Partners.*

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## YOUTH—Discipline—42

Only the other day the headmistress of one of our (English) best and certainly one of our most expensive girls' schools told an old pupil that for the 1st time in all the yrs she had been at the school she had had to give the girls a lecture on elementary honesty. She added hopelessly that it was of course the parents who ought to have had the lecture, but they were un-get-at-able. — *HOWARD WYCE, "Portrait of England," The Freeman.*

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# Good Stories.....

you can use

The Easter Story on television brought varied reactions in our neighborhood. Small Mary cried and went to the kitchen, "Because," she said, "I don't want to see them put Jesus on the aerial."

Her little playmate, Jimmy, sat thru the entire performance. At the end he gave a huge sigh and said, "Believe me, that wouldn't have happened if Roy Rogers had been there!"—JOYCE J CHRISTY. a

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A well-known educator recalls that each fall as he started to school, he would trudge down the dirt road, past the place of a hard-bitten old farmer, who always stood by the side of the road. "Where are you going, Bill?" the old man would ask. And Bill would reply that he was on his way to school. This seasonal rite proceeded yr after yr, until Bill graduated from high school. There was an intermission while the boy attended college and went on to a yr of teaching.

Ultimately, Bill decided to take some summer courses at the State Teachers College, not far from home. So he was back again on the old dirt road. The venerable farmer, still standing by the road, repounded the usual question, rec'd the customary answer. This time, however, he spat emphatically and exclaimed, "My gosh, Bill, you must be hard to learn!"—ROBT M MATHEWSON, *Jnl of the Nat'l Ass'n of Deans of Women*. b

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## I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

HAROLD ROLSETH

For a number of yrs I had been helping a crusty old character named Ed Barker with his income tax ret'ns. One day I met him on the street and said, "Well, Ed, will you be needing some help on your income tax pretty soon?"

Ed glared at me coldly and replied, "Nope; I won't be needin' any o' yer help."

Surprised, I said, "Why, Ed, is something wrong?"

"Plenty wrong," ans'd Ed bitterly. "Feller that fixes Hank Martin's income tax got him back \$46, last yr. How much did you ever git back fer me?"

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A young high school grad, seeking his 1st job in a large manufacturing establishment, was presented with a formidable 8-page application form and told to fill it in. He pondered for a time in considerable confusion, but finally found an item he could answer. To the query, "What machines can you operate?" he wrote confidently: "Slot and Pin Ball."—TED KING. c

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The wife and I find that talking over the children's heads is a fine deal—but sometimes these young 'uns are taller than you'd think!—CLARENCE B SCHOLDS. d



Dixie Tighe, late correspondent for the *N Y Post*, was sent overseas as a reporter. When she arrived at the army base she went to get a necessary vaccination. Getting out his needle, a sgt said:

"Roll up your sleeve."

"Uh-uh, not there," said Miss Tighe.

"Then roll down your stocking."

"Uh-uh, not there either."

"Wait a minute," said the sgt, "this is a case for a captain!"—*Magazine Digest.* e

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Man from a Minneapolis sign co was remarking on the number of collections taken at his plant for wedding gifts, flowers for hospitalized workers and funeral memorials. The topper, he said, came when a fellow went thru the plant asking for donations to buy flowers for Joe Stalin. He got \$3 from people who thought it was someone who worked in the plant.—*Minneapolis Tribune.* f

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Deborah Kerr took her small daughter to a private screening of Paramount's *Thunder in the East* and on the way, mother and child stopped at a dep't store. Deb's daughter pointed to a radio, and said:

"I wish Daddy would buy one. Our television set has pictures, but this is nicer because all you have to do is listen."—*BILL TUSHER, Motion Picture & Television Mag.* g

The discouraging thing about Spring is that everything seems to come back but us.—Banking.

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Each month has certain characteristics by which it can be recognized. March, for instance, is the month when the winds whistle thru the bare trees and the holes in the sts.—Montrealer.

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School days are the happiest of your life. Providing, of course, your youngsters are old enough to go.—FRANKLIN P JONES.

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Experience: Business man's definition of his own mistake.—Cambridge (England) Daily News.

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Juvenile delinquency: Modern term for what we did as kids.—GEO F TAUBENECK, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration News.

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Money may be the root of all evil, but it sure grows into some beautiful-looking shrubbery.—Manning (Ia) Monitor.

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A fellow who is always getting fed up with his job is apt to wind up hungry for one.—Bell Ringer.

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If Adam came back to earth, the only thing he would recognize would be the jokes.—Milam Messenger, hm, John M Milam Optical Co.

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# Dilley-Dallying

by Jim Dilley



A host and hostess are judged by the company that departs.

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Here's one thing in life about which you can be 100% certain. When a TV comedian mentions radio, his next line will definitely and positively be, "Remember radio?"

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From a news item: *Price controls have been removed from coffee, beer, and ale. Coffee may go as high as \$1.00 per pound.*

All right, all right, tell us more.

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We are told that taxes may be "pared" a bit, but not slashed. Yeah . . . we get it. When they really cut something up it will, as usual, be the taxpayer.

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Most men like a girl whose life is an open book, especially if her lines are okay.

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S'funny, but the stenographer who complains about her boss talking too fast while dictating gets married and talks twice that fast to her husband.

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When a girl drinks like a fish almost any old line will land her.

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Keeping up with your neighbors is no difficulty in these days of picture windows.

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From Birmingham, Ala, where first-class theatrical engagements are a rarity, comes this story, via the *Birmingham News*:

A young doctor had looked forward to seeing a popular musical, playing a one-night stand. At the last minute, he was obliged to cancel his plans. There was a maternity patient who might call for his services at any moment. Disconsolately, he sat down to wait.

Not long after midnight he was called to the hospital. Attending the patient, he chided: "Young lady, your timing is very bad; because of you, I didn't get to the theatre last night."

"Oh, Doctor," said the remorseful patient, "I'm so sorry you missed it. The performance was wonderful!" h

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There is a story about three foreigners in Rome who secured an audience with the Pope. He asked all three the same question, "How long have you been in Rome?"

The first repl'd, "Three days, your Holiness."

"Good, you have Rome to see."

The second, "Three wks, your Holiness."

"Good, you have seen Rome."

The third, "Three yrs."

"Ah," the Pope said, "now you know that you can never see Rome."—J FRANK DOBIE, *Holiday*. i

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Sir Gerald Templer, British high commissioner in Malaya, directed his multi-racial, multi-religious office staff not to "discuss their sex in the office." A few days later Sir Gerald sent around another memo: "For sex read sects."—*Quick*. j

The museum attendant approached the millionaire. "Smoking is forbidden here, sir," he said. "You are liable to a fine of ten shillings."

"Well, here's a pound note," repl'd the culprit.

"I have no change, sir," said the attendant.

The millionaire turned to his sec'y and handed him a cigar. "Here, John, you smoke as well."—*Tit-Bits*, London. k



#### Different Breed

*The title of "Mother Heroine" has been given to 497 Soviet women for bearing or rearing 10 or more children each.*—News item.

In Russia they smother  
With plaudits the mother  
With ten or more kids in her crew.  
This feat it is said'll  
Win many a medal  
And title of Heroine too.

Yes, ten is the goal of  
The mother. The role of  
A woman's, in truth, to be fecund.  
A child's just a starter—  
The mother, a martyr,  
Must promptly be off for a second.

Now we don't give prizes  
For family sizes  
Or strike up the band for a son.  
A mother's divine  
If she bears only nine—  
She's a heroine if she has one!

An over-enthusiastic fisherman was haled into court, charged with catching 18 more black bass than the law allows. "Guilty or not guilty?" asked the judge.

"Guilty," the young man admitted.

"Ten dollars and costs," announced the judge.

The defendant paid the fine, then asked cheerfully, "And now, your honor, may I have several typewritten copies of the court record made to take back to show my friends?"—*United Mine Workers Jnl.* l

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The omniscience of life-insurance people is legendary, of course, and scares the hell out of the overweight, but we didn't know until recently that it extends to electric-light bulbs. A girl of our acquaintance got a job at Metropolitan Life and was sitting at her desk one day, wondering whether she would live thru it, when she noticed an overhead light blink off. Within 2 min's, an electrician reached her side and asked, "Got a light off?"

"How did you know?" asked our friend.

"Oh, we know when we put them in," he said. "I came up because she was about due out." — *New Yorker.* m

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A 4-yr-old had gotten a terrible sunburn and it was beginning to peel. One day his mother heard him muttering to himself as he washed his face: "Only 4 yrs old and wearing out already."—*Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag.* n

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## Quote-ettes

Rep FRED E BUSBEY (R-Ill) presenting a "genuine shillelagh, right from Ireland" to Pres Eisenhower: "I suggest that you keep this handy for your Monday morning conferences with congressional leaders."

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Rep Jos R MARTIN (R-Mass) Speaker of the House, upon being told that he slightly resembled Soviet Premier Georgi M Malenkov: "I decline to acknowledge the resemblance. If I thought I really looked like him I'd go off and get lost."

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Collector of Internal Revenue, reporting that jokesters are sending fewer aspirin tablets with their ret'ns this yr: "I guess maybe the boys are taking them this time!"

3-Q-t

## SECOND CLASS MATTER

## News of the **NEW**

This being the season of spring fever and general levity, we'd like to report some gadgets which seem to us to fit into the prevailing mood. We don't know where you can buy these things, but they are on the market. Happy hunting!

First, there's a new way to cut down on your smoking. Just buy a cigaret case with a time lock on it. Take a cigaret, decide how long you can wait for another, set dial accordingly. Watch-mechanism in

bottom of case keeps it locked for periods of time set by smoker. It also helps if you don't bum from your friends. Better yet, choose friends who don't smoke.

Spaghetti-eating can be pretty messy—but not if you use a new fork which does its own revolving when you press a spot on the handle. Reverse the process, if possible, and you should have a very effective close-range weapon.

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